



## Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Henderson County  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District  
sponsors an essay contest  
each year to provide  
sixth grade students an  
opportunity to explore  
soil and water  
conservation through  
writing.

Contactless Dropoff  
Available!

828-697-4949

[www.hendersoncountync  
.gov/soilwater](http://www.hendersoncountync.gov/soilwater)

All Essays must be back  
to the Soil & Water  
office no later than  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.



# 2021-2022 Soil & Water Essay Contest

## “Soil and Water...Yours for Life”

**Design your essay to represent what “Soil and Water...Yours for Life” means to you!**

**Essay:** A short composition dealing with a single subject from a personal point of view; facts may be interwoven into the essay, which stimulates thinking.

**Report:** A formal presentation of facts in a report style.

### Specifications—Essays must:

- Bear the current title of the essay contest.
- Be limited to 300-500 words. All words will be counted to reach the limit.
- Be presented on standard 8 ½” x 11” paper.
- Be properly identified on the back using the following format.
  - Students Name                      Grade: 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Students Address/Parents’ Email, Phone
  - Teachers Name
  - School or Homeschool
  - County                                      District: Henderson

### Infractions (-5 points each):

- Incorrect Length
- Current Title Not Used
- Incorrect Paper size (-2 points)

### Judging Criteria:

- Conservation Message    50%
- Writing Style                      20%
- Organization                      20%
- Neatness                              10%

### Hints:

- Plan Ahead!
- Engage your reader with an interesting point of view.
- Proofread, proofread, proofread!

**RETURN YOUR ESSAY BY March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.** They can be returned anytime all fall!

**PRIZE PACKAGES** are available to County Winners! County Winners can move on to the Area and State levels for a chance to win even more prizes!

## For 2021-2022: Contactless Dropoff!

Essays can be dropped off at our office Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Leave your completed essay in our lobby before the due date and we'll add you into our contest! Make sure to fill out the bottom of this form and attach it to the back of your essay or a blank page stapled to your essay!

Henderson Soil & Water Conservation District  
USDA Service Center  
61 Triple Springs Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28792  
(off Francis Road, past the BonWorth)  
828-697-4949

Fill out the following information on a blank page attached to your essay.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Students Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Email OR Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 6

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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